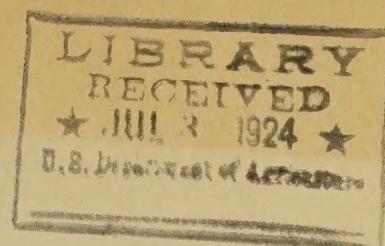


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Summary of Exhibit

THE ABANDONED CAMPFIRE.



Each year forest fires burn over an area of 11,000,000 acres of land, with a yearly damage of nearly \$17,000,000. This is exclusive of the intangible and indirect losses, for with the destruction of the forests we are depriving our wild life of shelter and food, despoiling the public's playground of its recreation possibilities, and destroying the young growth essential for the continuation of our forests.

Our forests are disappearing four times as fast as new timber is being grown, and twice as many acres of forest land are burned each year as are cut over in lumbering operations. Human carelessness is responsible for 90 per cent of all forest fires. By the exercise of care and intelligence, these can be prevented. It is easy to be careful with fire while in wooded areas, and nine out of every ten fires will not happen once the public realizes the value of its timber resources - a priceless heritage that should not be wantonly destroyed - and takes an active interest in safeguarding them for future generations.

The exhibit, THE ABANDONED CAMPFIRE, is striking in its simplicity and shows with startling clearness the necessity for care with fire. As a background, there is a forest scene which colored lights show alternately as, -

- a. An alluring camp ground, with a tiny abandoned camp fire which is just beginning to spread, the flames creeping toward the underbrush and trees
- b. The forest ignited and burning with great intensity, and
- c. A heavy pall of smoke clearing away, and the charred, deadened aftermath standing out - the graveyard of the forest - destroyed utterly by human carelessness.

At the base hangs a label reading: CARELESSNESS CAUSES 33,000 FOREST FIRES EVERY YEAR.

The exhibit is in the form of a booth, eleven feet wide by eight feet deep.

Farmers' Bulletin # 1417 and the pamphlets,

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contain further information on the subject of forest fires. They may be obtained without cost from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

